

### III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 11-14, 17-20 and 23 are amended.

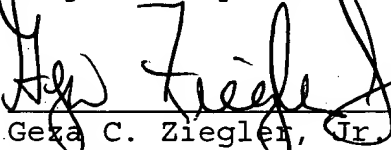
2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claim 24.

3. Claims 1-23 are rewritten to address the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection. As noted by the Examiner, these claims should now be in a condition for allowance.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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